

KATE WILHORLITZ.

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APRIL 11, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. LE FEVRE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 663.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 663) granting a pension to Kate Wilhorlitz, have considered the same, and report:*

It appears that the said Kate Wilhorlitz is the dependent mother of Joseph Wilhorlitz, who enlisted as a private in Company I, Nineteenth Regiment United States Infantry, June 28, 1871, and served five years, when he was discharged by reason of expiration of term of service. In November, 1876, he re-enlisted in said service as a private in Company C, Second Regiment United States Cavalry, and was discharged therefrom on surgeon's certificate of disability, said certificate stating that he had chronic bronchitis.

Said soldier died on the 4th day of July, 1877, less than two months after discharge, and the attending physician states that his disease was consumption.

The claimant files an affidavit that when her son returned from the Army his voice was so weak and feeble it was difficult for him to give utterance to words by which his wants could be made known, and for that reason she failed to gain information from him as to the time and the circumstances when he was first attacked and the names of the witnesses by whom the necessary facts could be proved to entitle her to pension.

The fact of claimant's dependence upon her said son is clearly made out. Her husband is very aged, and she has two deaf and dumb children to support, one of whom is paralyzed.

Her claim for pension was rejected because the certificate of disability under which the soldier was discharged contained the statement that the soldier was a victim of said disease when last enlisted.

The committee are of opinion that the claimant has exhibited a right to pension, and therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

